

ANOTHER OPENING OF INDIAN LANDS

Senate Expected to Pass
Bill for Selling Farms in
South Dakota.

Million Acres Sold by Rosebud
Sioux to U. S.
Government.

The Tract Will Be Divided
Into 6,250 Fertile
Farms.

Before the end of the session the Senate will doubtless pass a bill, already passed by the House, for the opening of a million acres of the finest lands in South Dakota, now held by the Rosebud band of Sioux Indians. The opening will be made the occasion of another of Uncle Sam's big land lotteries, in which it is expected that not less than 150,000 people will take chances at the 6,250 valuable farms that will go to the holders of the lucky numbers.

Smudged all over the signature page of the treaty just received in Washington, are the thumb-marks of the chiefs of the Sioux; their signatures to the agreement negotiated by Major McLaughlin, under which the Indians agree to sell their lands to the Government to permit the opening. The lands are in the large country of Tripp, which is as large as some States.

Land Is Valuable.

The county comprises the western part of the Rosebud Indian reservation and adjoins that portion opened to settlement in 1904 and for which nearly 100,000 people went to Yankton, Bonesteel or to Chamberlain to register. The high value of the farms now occupied on the settled portion proves the worth of the land soon to be opened and the rush for these fertile acres is bound to be precipitous. The railroads could scarcely handle the crowds before.

By kicking vigorously the Indians have managed to make the Government pay them a higher price for the land than was stipulated in the original bills introduced by Senator Gamble and Congressman Burke, of South Dakota, providing for the opening. But the treaty is signed now and there will be no grunts of defiance and guttural, "Me no make that mark," from Poor Lo. His thumb mark is there and that settles it.

The land to be thrown open for settlement, if the amended Gamble and Burke bills pass, as these statesmen say is assured, are not of uniform value, but nearly all worth having. Some is now worth \$20 an acre. It is expected the opening, which will be by proclamation of the President, will be not later than September of this year. Sections 3 and 4 of the treaty of interest to the prospective landseeker are as follows:

What It Will Cost.

Article 3.—It is agreed that the price of said lands as homesteads shall be as follows: Upon all lands entered or filed upon within three months after the same shall be opened to settlement and entry, \$6 per acre. And upon all land entered or filed upon after the expiration of three months and within six months after the same shall have been opened to settlement and entry, \$4.50 per acre. After the expiration of six months and within four years after the same shall have been opened, the price shall be \$5.00 per acre. That the price shall be paid according to the schedule with rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior upon the following terms: One-fifth of the purchase price to be paid in cash at the time of entry and the balance in five annual installments to be paid in one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, from and after the date of entry. That in case any entryman fails to make the annual payments, or any of them promptly when due, all rights to the land covered by his or her entry shall cease. And any payments theretofore made shall be forfeited and the entry canceled; and the land shall be reoffered for sale and entry under the provisions of the homestead law at the same price that it was first entered. That the lands disposed of under the townsite law shall be paid for at the price provided by law. That all lands remaining undisposed of at the expiration of four years from the opening of the said lands to entry may be, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior sold to the highest bidder for cash without regard to the above minimum price.

Establish Fund for Indians.

Article 4.—It is further agreed that the amount to be derived from the sale of said lands, as stipulated in article three of this agreement, the sum of \$1,000,000 shall from the first moneys received from the sale of these lands be devoted to the creation of a fund of \$1,000,000, which shall be deposited in the United States Treasury to the credit of the Indians, parties hereto, and which shall draw 5 per cent interest for a period of ten years from the date of such deposit, and which interest shall be paid to the beneficiaries, per capita, in cash annually. That at the expiration of ten years after said sum of \$1,000,000 shall have been deposited in the United States Treasury to the credit of the Rosebud Indians, said fund shall be equally distributed among the beneficiaries parties hereto. Provided, that the proceeds derived from the sale of said lands after the \$1,000,000 of the ten years' interest bearing fund, herein provided for has been created, shall be expended for the benefit of the Rosebud Indians, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, upon application by a majority petition of the Indians, parties hereto, through and upon the recommendation of the Indian agent in charge of the Rosebud Indian reservation.

TWO-CENT RIDES IN LONDON.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The value of municipal ownership of London's street railways is shown by the prophecy of John Burns, minister of local government, that a universal fare on a one penny (two cents) basis may be established within five years.

The present system of fares is that of charging the passenger according to distance, up to 5 or 10 cents for the whole journey.

Mrs. Walker Fearn's Talk On Queen's Work for Blind



CARMEN SYLVA,
Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, Philanthropist and Poetess.

Society Folk Enthralled by Lecturer's Descriptions and Pictures.

Mrs. Walker Fearn held the attention of smart and official society yesterday afternoon, for several hours at Rauscher's with her charming lecture on "A Message of Love to the Blind." The hall was crowded with an interested and cultured audience upon whom the pictures and the graceful talk of Mrs. Fearn made a deep impression.

Mrs. Fearn wore the court costume presented to her by the beautiful Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, better known as Carmen Sylva, whom she visited this winter, and with whom she was deeply interested in the work for the bettering of the condition of the blind. The Queen has evolved an original plan for the establishing of a city for the blind, which is organized and built up by the government (and for the most part out of her own purse), in which the blind people can have their own homes and keep their families together. Schools are being established there, workshops and industries of all kinds, and even churches. Everything is being done that is possible for sightless people to make them independent and happy. It is this plan, in a modified form, which Mrs. Fearn hopes to introduce into many cities where provisions are not already made for these opportunities to blind people.

Mrs. Fearn showed some rarely beautiful stereopticon pictures of the Queen

The Queen's Message.

Below the adjoining photograph of Carmen Sylva, her majesty wrote:

Bring light to the blind, my dear Mrs. Fearn, and make their life shine for all those whose mind's eye is not yet opened.

ELIZABETH,
Queen of Roumania.
November, 1906.

MRS. WALKER FEARN,
In Court Costume Presented to Her by the Queen of Roumania, Which She Wore While Delivering Lecture.

In her home life, and in her many works of benevolence, also, pictures of the crown prince, his wife, Princess Marie, granddaughter of the late Queen Victoria, and their beautiful and interesting children. The really wonderful city, "Vatra Luminoasa," where the blind people of Roumania are being gradually established permanently, the beautiful

palaces of the King and Queen at Bucharest and Sinaia, and the views of the Queen at work among the blind subjects and some of her proteges, aroused the greatest enthusiasm among her conservative and fashionable hearers. She has a charming voice which carries well and is well modulated, and is a very successful philanthropic lecturer.

MINER FELL IN SHAFT AND INSTANTLY KILLED

FREELAND, Pa., Feb. 23.—The body of Joseph Smith was recovered from the upper Lehigh mine today. Smith fell into the shaft Tuesday night. Rescuing parties worked incessantly to get him out alive, but from his appearance it was evident that the miner had been killed instantly.

HAVE IDENTIFIED VESSEL ASHORE OFF JUTLAND

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 23.—The three-masted vessel which went ashore off the west coast of Jutland yesterday has been identified as the Norwegian vessel, Timaru, bound from Flushing to Christiania, according to advices from Lemvig, Jutland.

CHORUS GIRLS AWAIT EAST INDIA PRINCE

LONDON, Feb. 23.—London's prettiest chorus girls are looking forward eagerly to the return of the Aga Khan, the wealthy Eastern prince who rules over millions of Mohammedans and violates all the tenets of the Moslem faith in his pursuit of pleasure.

The Aga Khan is coming back to London after an absence of two years, and is expected to renew the lavish generosity he was famous for. The prince gave splendid dinners, delightful river parties, and showered jewelry on stage beauties. On leaving London he gave a farewell supper at the Savoy, where the cream of the London lyric stage said good-by to their generous friend.

Free Trip to Canal Zone For Members of Congress

About Fifty Senators and Representatives
Going to Examine Progress of Work.
Will Sail March 6 on Allianca.

Determined to see for themselves what is being accomplished toward building the Panama canal, a party of half a hundred or more Senators and Representatives, consisting mainly of those from the Middle Western States, will leave New York March 6 for the isthmus.

The party will arrive at Colon March 13, begin the return journey March 18, giving the legislators five days on the isthmus, and reach New York March 25. All Senators and Representatives who desire to make the trip will be granted free round-trip transportation, including berths and meals, and free transportation on the isthmus. The only necessary expenses of members of the delegation will be hotel accommodations for the five days they are in the canal

zone. The trip both ways will be made on the steamer Allianca, of the Panama Railroad Steamship Company. A number of the Senators and Representatives had a meeting yesterday with Secretary Bishop, of the Canal Commission, who outlined the plans of the trip for them. They were informed that space had been reserved for as many as may desire to go, up to 100 or even more. The public desiring to take passage will be granted no reservations until the Congressional delegation is all provided for. They were informed, however, that the commission desired to know not later than tomorrow the exact number for which reservations are desired. This will be the largest Congressional party to visit the isthmus at one time since the big canal enterprise was first set on foot. Representative Scott of Kansas has charge of the arrangements and bookings for transportation.

BRYAN TAKES DROP DOWN AN ELEVATOR

With Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, He Narrowly Escapes Injury.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Mayor Dunne, William Jennings Bryan, Louis F. Post, of the Board of Education, and E. Roche, the latter of the mayor's campaign committee, were imperiled today in an elevator accident at the Sherman House. They escaped with a severe shaking up.

The elevator dropped about fifteen feet to the bottom of the shaft. Mr. Bryan, who was passing through the city, had called at the mayor's headquarters on the second floor of the hotel.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE AIDS SANTOS-DUMONT

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The French military authorities have placed at the disposal of M. Santos-Dumont a piece of land at St. Cyr, near Versailles. There the Brazilian intends to build a large shed for his new aeroplane, and will transfer the scene of his experiments from St. Cloud to this place.

This new aeroplane is of the same type as that with which M. Santos-Dumont made his first flight. The only notable difference from the former model is that light wood will be substituted for the canvas previously used for the sustaining and guiding planes.

NEW YORK MONEY FOR HAMBURG CHURCH

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The people of Hamburg have decided to rebuild the beautiful St. Michael's Church, which was destroyed by fire on July 3 last year, in its old form.

The new church will cost about \$1,000,000, and more than half of this amount has been donated by private citizens. The first donation, received within twenty-four hours after the fire, came from New York.

ASYLUM KEEPERS HELD FOR MURDER

Alleged Responsible for Deaths by Cruelty of Five Inmates.

ATHENS, Ohio, Feb. 23.—After being in session a week investigating cruelties practiced upon patients by attendants at the Athens State Hospital, and especially the recent killing of inmate Barnes, the Athens county grand jury today returned five indictments against former employees of the institution.

Robert Reeder, Henry Harkins, and C. F. Bobo were jointly indicted for second degree murder, charged with the murder of William J. Barnes, from Monroe county. This murder occurred February 5, Barnes dying a few minutes after being "tramped out" by the three attendants.

Robert Reeder was also indicted for murder in the second degree, charged with the murder of Emmett Vickers, committed from Monroe county last September. Two indictments for assault on inmates were found against Edward Hunter, and one against William Blackburn.

ROYALTY FORGOT KAISER'S BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A story is going the rounds in court circles concerning the Kaiser's birthday. It appears that the only personages in the British royal family who remembered the birthday in plenty of time were the King and Queen. The other members of the royal family were a whole day late in sending congratulatory messages and gifts.

The most amusing case was that of the Bohemian princess, Louise, duchess of Argyll. Her royal highness was sitting at luncheon with a few intimate friends, at Kensington palace, when the head butler, who has been in the royal service for many years, whispered: "I beg your royal highness' pardon, but the Emperor William's birthday was celebrated yesterday."

"Good heavens! Why didn't you remind me before?" said the princess. And she left her guests then and there and proceeded to send off a very flowery message to the Kaiser for whom, by the way, she has no great regard.

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